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Hon. Naomi Reice Buchwald, U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: Verano Development, Inc. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
1:20-CV-03266-NRB

Dear Judge Buchwald:

I write on behalf of the Plaintiff Verano Development, Inc. in response to Your Honor's letter to me dated July 1, 2020.

I attach hereto an affidavit of attempted service on the Defendant. As seen from the foregoing attachment, it appears that the difficulty in effecting service stems from the fact that the Consulate of Venezuela has closed. The parties' agreement provided that the Venezuelan Consul was the agent for service.

We also attempted service on the Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States but that office is also closed (see attached FedEx tracking information).

If Your Honor wishes to do so, we can effect service upon Venezuelan Ambassador to the United Nations. If Your Honor's wishes Service upon the

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Ambassador to the United Nations by overnight mail should, more than adequately, put Venezuela on notice that this lawsuit is pending against it.

Respectfully,

/s/Samuel Feldman
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